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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS:

<u>DEMOPOLIS LOCK</u> TOMBIGBEE RIVER MILE 213, ALABAMA

Notice is given to mariners that **Demopolis Lock** will be **operating under special procedures until further notice**. Recent allisions have damaged and removed protection timbers on the upstream miter gates, in order to protect the upstream gates from further damage this special locking procedure shall be used.

All downstream bound tows will follow this locking procedure:

- 1. All down bound tows are to stand-by above the lock and notify the Lock Operator for permission to enter the lock approach.
- 2. Once in the upstream lock approach, tows shall catch a line, flatten out and come to a complete stop on the long wall.
- 3. Tows shall wait for permission from the Lock Operator before entering the lock chamber.
- 4. Enter the lock chamber at idle speech.
- 5. Once in lock chamber, follow normal locking procedures and instructions from the Lock Operator.

Upstream bound tows are unaffected by the special locking procedures and will follow normal locking procedures and instructions from the Lock Operator.

Maintenance personnel will be installing temporary timbers the week of 22 May 2017, mariners may experience brief delays.

For additional information, contact Mr. Anthony Perkins or Mr. Danny Hensley at the BWT/Alabama-Coosa Project Management Office (CESAM-OP-BA) at (205) 752-3571.

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